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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LAST MINUTE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CAMP DAVID

1. A. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GHORBAL TO
URGE THAT SADAT PARTY ADHERE TO ORIGINAL ARRIVAL SCHEDULE.
GHORBAL SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH BY TELEPHONE WITH HASSAN
KAMEL. FYI: HE THOUGHT SADAT PARTY COULD POSSIBLY STAY
OVER ONE DAY LONGER IN PARIS, I.E. UNTIL MID-DAY ON 5TH.
END FYI.

B. WE ALSO MENTIONED TO GHORBAL THAT, ASSUMING SADAT PARTY
WOULD PREFER ARRIVE 1500 AT ANDREWS ON WHATEVER DAY OF
ARRIVAL FINALLY AGREED, IT MIGHT BE BEST TO REVERSE ORDER OF
ARRIVAL OF PRINCIPALS TO HAVE BEGIN ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON/

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CAMP DAVID FIRST THAT DAY. ALTHOUGH THIS IS SLIGHT BREACH
OF PROTOCOL, WE BELIEVE SADAT WOULD PREFER THIS TO ALTERNA-
TIVE OF REARRANGING HIS OWN SCHEDULE TO PERMIT EARLIER ETA
AT ANDREWS. CRUCIAL FACTOR IN REGARD TO ARRIVALS IS THAT
HELICOPTERS MUST ARRIVE CAMP DAVID NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M.,
AND IDEALLY 4:00 P.M., IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF TV AND PRESS
COVERAGE AND MEET MEDIA DEADLINES. BECAUSE OF 30 MINUTE

HELO TRAVEL TO CAMP DAVID AND OTHER TIME COMPLICATIONS, ONE PRINCIPAL SHOULD ARRIVE APPROXIMATELY 1:30 P.M. (1330) AND OTHER AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 (1500). GHORBAL SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS ISSUE ALSO WITH HASSAN KAMEL.

C. YOU SHOULD CONTACT HASSAN KAMEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ADVISE HIM THAT WE HAVE NOTED CAIRO PRESS REPORTS TO EFFECT THAT PRESIDENT SADAT PLANS TO MAKE A STATEMENT UPON ARRIVAL AT ANDREWS (REFTEL A, PARA 4). REMIND KAMEL THAT PRESIDENT CARTER STRONGLY PREFERS THAT PRINCIPALS AVOID SUBSTANTIVE PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH MIGHT CONDITION WHAT GOES ON AT CAMP DAVID AND THAT BOTH BEGIN AND SADAT HAVE AGREED. THUS, WHILE WE REALIZE THAT BOTH LEADERS MAY ADDRESS THEIR PUBLICS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURES FOR THE U.S., THE PRESIDENT HOPES THAT SADAT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE ANY SUBSTANTIVE ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT ANDREWS.

2. WE ARE WORKING WITH GHORBAL ON DETAILS INCLUDING CONTINUING EGYPTIAN DESIRE TO SHUTTLE CERTAIN OFFICIALS TO AND FROM CAMP DAVID. YOU AGAIN SHOULD STRESS TO KAMEL OUR STRONG DESIRE TO RESTRICT ANY SUCH MOVEMENTS TO THOSE NON-SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT STAFF WHO NEED TO BE ROTATED. FYI: WE SEE NO REASON FOR CHAMBERLAIN TO SHUTTLE AND WILL SEEK TO DISCOURAGE THIS. END FYI.

3. AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, CAMP DAVID LIKELY TO AVERAGE 15
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DEGREES COOLER THAN D.C. DURING DAYTIME HOURS; THOSE STAYING THERE MAY WISH TO HAVE SWEATER OR JACKET FOR EVENING, SINCE IT CAN BE CHILLY. POSSIBILITY OF RAIN SHOULD BE MENTIONED SO THAT DELEGATIONS COME PREPARED. CHRISTOPHER

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